

**MINUTES
TOWN OF DARIEN
SPECIAL MEETING OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

February 24, 2009

A special meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on February 24, 2009. First Selectwoman Evonne Klein called the meeting to order at 8:35 p.m. Present were Selectmen Bayne, Morton, Santarella and Sullivan; and Administrative Officer Karl Kilduff.

Also present were Norm Guimond, Vice Chair of the Community Homes at Leroy Advisory Committee; Louise Berry and Alan Gray from the Library; and Bruce Orr of the Finance & Budget Committee of the RTM.

NEW BUSINESS

- a) Discuss and Take Action on Recommendation from Community Homes At Leroy Advisory Committee (CHALAC)

1st Selectwoman Klein began by thanking Norm Guimond, Vice Chairman of Community Homes At Leroy Advisory Committee (CHALAC), for his presentation and report to the Board of Selectmen.

In discussing the matter, Ms. Santarella noted that it was a pleasure to work on this committee as the Board's representative. She added that all members worked together. 1st Selectwoman Klein stated that the Committee could have recommended the re-issuance of the RFP, but did not. They did their due diligence on the recommended developer. Ms. Santarella responded by adding that the Committee did not recommend reissuing the RFP as they were very satisfied with what they learned during the process and had no hesitation in recommending Mutual Housing Association.

Mr. Bayne stated that for him the key issue was whether the proposal met the needs of the town. He added that he was happy to support the recommendation. Mr. Morton expressed that the developer has the ability and provided a very high quality proposal. Ms. Sullivan added that the Committee had no hidden agenda with everyone acting independently coming to a conclusion independently.

Ms. Santarella stated that the developer and architect addressed concerns raised by the neighbors in developing a site plan.

1st Selectwoman Klein read the resolution into the record:

WHEREAS, the Darien Board of Selectmen determined that the re-use of the former Library site for affordable housing met both a clear need in the community and would help preserve neighborhoods by guiding the location and direction of affordable housing development; and

WHEREAS, the Darien Board of Selectmen created the Community Homes at Leroy Advisory Committee (CHALAC) to review responses from the Town's Request for Development Proposals; and

WHEREAS, CHALAC concluded its review process with an award recommendation to the Board of Selectmen; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Selectmen have accepted the report and recommendation from CHALAC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Darien Board of Selectmen hereby award the 35 Leroy Re-use Request for Development Proposals to the Mutual Housing Association of Southwestern Connecticut, Inc. contingent upon the successful completion of land lease negotiations, land use approvals, and securing necessary financing for the project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen will move forward with negotiations toward a land lease between the Town and Mutual Housing Association of Southwestern Connecticut, Inc. with support from a committee to-be-appointed.

Ms. Santarella moved, seconded by Mr. Morton, the adoption of the resolution. The motion passed with a unanimous vote

b) Discuss and Take Action on 2009-2010 Annual Budget Revisions

1st Selectwoman Klein started the discussion by noting that budget modifications were reviewed at the meeting held on February 23, 2009. She asked if there were any further concerns or reductions the Board might wish to discuss. No further revisions were suggested.

1st Selectwoman Klein then noted that the Board of Selectmen cut the budget another \$449,998 which resulted in a budget that was a decrease from the current year by 0.04%. She also noted that this was a historically low budget.

c) Discuss and Take Action on a Resolution to approve the 2009-2010 Annual Budget and Six-Year Capital Plan and submitting the same to the Board of Finance for their consideration

The resolution was read into the record by 1st Selectwoman Klein:

WHEREAS, over the course of January and February, the Board of Selectmen have reviewed and evaluated the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 and the six-year capital plan; and

WHEREAS, following completion of this review a number of changes and modifications to the budget have been made.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Darien hereby approve the modified annual budget for 2009-2010 and the six-year capital plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2009-2010 budget and six-year capital plan be submitted to the Board of Finance for their consideration in compliance with the Charter of the Town of Darien.

GENERAL FUND

Town General Operating Fund	\$21,409,494
Library	3,076,618
Debt Service	10,573,505
Transfers Out to Other Funds	2,869,872
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$37,929,489

OTHER FUNDS

Reserve Fund (funded without borrowing)	\$2,418,985
Reserve Fund (funded through borrowing)	4,500,000
Waste Management Fund	1,314,828
Sewer Fund	4,891,963
Animal Control Fund	70,987
Parking Fund	638,841

Mr. Morton moved, seconded by Mr. Bayne, to approve the resolution as read. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bayne moved, seconded by Mr. Morton, to adjourn the special meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Karl F. Kilduff
Administrative Officer